

December 17, 2013

Ms. Zeena Angadicheril Office of the General Counsel The University of Texas System 201 West Seventh Street Austin, Texas 78701-2902

OR2013-21915

Dear Ms. Angadicheril:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 509133 (OGC Nos. 152424, 152278, 152289, 152377, 152378, and 152402).

The University of Texas at Arlington (the "university") received six requests for information pertaining to incident report numbers 2013-01139, 2013-01162, 2013-01183, and 2013-01190. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

You inform us the requested information was the subject of three previous requests for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2013-21249 (2013), 2013-20633 (2013), 2013-20226 (2013). In Open Records Letter No. 2013-21249, we concluded, with the exception of basic information, which must be released, the university may withhold incident report number 2013-01162 under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. In Open Records Letter No. 2013-20633, we concluded, with the exception of basic information, which must be released, the university may withhold incident

We assume that the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. See Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

report numbers 2013-01183 and 2013-01190 under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. In Open Records Letter No. 2013-20226, we concluded, with the exception of basic information, which must be released, the university may withhold incident report number 2013-01139 under section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code. We understand the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior rulings were based have not changed; thus, we find the university may continue to rely on those rulings as previous determinations and withhold or release the previously requested information in accordance with Open Records Letter Nos. 2013-21249, 2013-20633, and 2013-20226. See Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure). As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your arguments against disclosure.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

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Submitted documents

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2 Requestors (w/o enclosures)